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Letter dated 21 September 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour of writing to you in your capacity as the President of the Security Council for the month of September 2007 and would like to request your kind assistance in circulating as a document of the Security Council the present letter and annexed statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the recent attack by Abkhaz separatist militants on the police unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia in Abkhazia, Georgia.

(*Signed*) Irakli **Alasania**
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 21 September 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Georgia condemns unprovoked attack

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

On 20 September 2007 a police unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia came under attack by a group of armed Abkhaz separatist militants in the Svaneti region. Police units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs were forced to respond to this unprovoked attack, during which two extremists were killed and seven detained.

Regrettably, this incident represents yet another example of repeated provocations aimed at escalating and increasing tensions in the region.

Georgia categorically condemns this act and expresses its deep concern over this irresponsible and dangerous pattern of behaviour.

Georgia is cooperating with the relevant international organizations including UNOMIG, which has been asked to conduct a rapid assessment and report.

Georgia's territorial integrity and sovereignty are inviolable. In this context, we call on the relevant parties to renew dialogue in order to advance a results-oriented political process aimed at peaceful conflict resolution.